#### Helena Kosorek

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Representative Michael McNulty U.S. House of Representatives 2210 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative McNulty:

I am opposed to a change to a flat monthly fee instead of the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method for phone service.

Students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers may give up this service if it is unaffordable. It would have aso be detrimental to small businesses.

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Sincerely,

Helena Kosorek

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### **Dennis Umphrey**

128 South 21st. Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

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Senator Rick Santorum U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Dennis & Ann Umphrey

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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11 Freight House Rd., Corinth, NY 12822-2512

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Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Clinton:

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Sincerely,

Peggy Ricci

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Joseph Bellardino

76 Mara Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034

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Senator Jon Corzine U.S. Senate 502 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Joseph Bellardino

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## Kenneth Hermann

48 S. Hiawatha Cir., Sheboygan, WI 53081

December 1, 2005 3:46 PM

Senator Russell Feingold U.S. Senate 506 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

### Dear Senator Feingold:

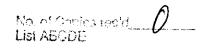
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Sincerely,

Kenneth Hermann

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## richard bourque

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December 1, 2005 3:48 PM

Senator Olympia Snowe U.S. Senate 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Snowe:

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Sincerely,

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## **Stanley Drengacz**

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December 1, 2005 3:46 PM

Senator Mark Pryor U.S. Senate 257 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Pryor:

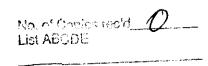
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Sincerely,

Stanley Drengacz

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Nancy D'Epiro

805 N 4th Avenue, Cornelius, OR 97113

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November 2, 2005 11:52 AM

Senator Ron Wyden U.S. Senate 230 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Wyden:

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Sincerely,

Nancy D'Epiro

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

## KAMIL INMON

2721 ELSON GREEN AVENUE, VA. BEACH, VA 23456

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FCC 1, 2005 10:28 PM

Senator George Allen U.S. Senate 204 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Allen:

MY AUNT IS A LOWLY POOR LADY AND SHE RELIES ON THIS TRACFONE SERVICE. THE RATES SHOULD STAY THE SAME.

Sincerely,

KAMIL INMON

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## **Cheryl Adams**

324 Hargan Drive, Madison, IN 47250

December 1, 2005 11:57 AM

Representative Mike Sodrel U.S. House of Representatives 1508 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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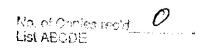
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Sincerely,

Cheryl Adams

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## Lynn Rhodes

Tomboy Mine P. O. Box 1570, Searchlight, NV 89046-1570

December 1, 2005 3:49 PM

Senator John Ensign U.S. Senate 356 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynn Rhodes

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FCC-MAIL POOL

#### Carl Bronson

7 West Woods Rd#1 P.O.BOx 382, Sharon, CT 06069

November 2, 2005 7:17 AM

Representative Nancy Johnson U.S. House of Representatives 2409 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Johnson:

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Sincerely,

Carl Bronson

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

#### Carl Smith

4752 Petersburg Road, Petersburg, KY 41080



November 2, 2005 9:34 AM

Senator Jim Bunning U.S. Senate 316 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Bunning:

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Sincerely,

Carl Smith

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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#### Sue Sauvageau

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Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Schumer:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC. Flat fee projects always favor the rich over basic working citizens.

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf. I believe they know that a flat fee tax will disproportionately affect the low to moderate income members of your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work on many important issues. I look forward to hearing your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Sauvageau

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress



#### gopalakrishna giri

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December 1, 2005 12:03 PM

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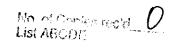
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Sincerely,

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## Dana Bailey

17 Whipporwill Way, Wareham, MA 02571

December 1, 2005 3:46 PM

Representative Barney Frank U.S. House of Representatives 2252 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Dana Bailey

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807 Seibert Ave, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Senator George Voinovich U.S. Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

James M Moore

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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November 2,2005 8:06 AMOM

Senator Debbie Stabenow U.S. Senate 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Jim Demint U. S. Senate 340 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Demint:

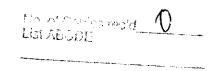
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#### **Muriel Shand**

3563 County Rd 5 NW, Isanti, MN 55040

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November 2, 2005 7:50 AM

Senator Norm Coleman U.S. Senate 320 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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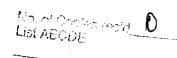
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Jim and Muriel Shand

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress



471 Moore Ave, Buffalo, NY 14223-1756

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Nevember 2, 2005 8:24 AM FCC - MAILROOM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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#### William Fejedelem

1409 Aberdeen St.N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505-3826

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November 2, 2005 7:13 AM

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## RUSSELL BROOKS

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December 1, 2005 3:42 PM

Representative Bob Ney U.S. House of Representatives 2438 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Representative Ney:

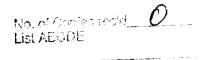
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#### **RUTH MANOUSE**

1274 LAS BRISAS LANE, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881-9762

December 1, 2005 12:18 PM

Senator Mel Martinez United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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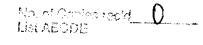
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## Willard H. DeBruin

W153 N9799 Neptune Drive, Germantown, Wisconsin 53022

November 30, 2005 06:21 PM

Senator Russell Feingold U.S. Senate 506 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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# Alice Albright

8026 Walnut Knoll Lane, Richmond, Virginia 23229-3252

November 30, 2005 05:10 PM

The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as highvolume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal. Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Senator John Warner Senator George Allen /